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SENATE BILL

No. 925

Introduced by Senator Alarcon

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 66204.1 to the Education Code, relating to high schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 925, as amended, Alarcon. High schools: college preparatory courses.

(1) Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to assist all school districts to ensure that all public high school pupils have access to a core curriculum that meets the admission requirements of the University of California and the California State University. Existing law also requires the Superintendent to advise school districts that maintain high schools about the importance of making readily available to each high school pupil the current list of courses offered by the school attended by the pupil that are certified by the University of California as meeting admissions requirements.

This bill would require each *public* high school to accommodate each pupil who commences grade 9 in ~~2007~~ *the 2007–08 academic year or any academic year thereafter*, and who requests *admission to a college preparatory course, as defined, for which he or she qualifies by successfully completing prerequisite coursework or by demonstrating appropriate skill mastery*. The bill would provide that *a school could accommodate these pupils* by methods including reorganizing class offerings, offering combination classes, increasing the rigor of classroom curricula by ensuring the class meets college preparatory requirements, and reorganizing class schedules. By

imposing additional requirements on ~~schools~~ *school districts*, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66204.1 is added to the Education
2 Code, to read:

3 66204.1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that ~~by 2007~~
4 ~~all~~, *commencing with the 2007–08 academic year, all public high*
5 *school pupils be enrolled in core curriculum that will enable*
6 *them to pursue an array of postsecondary options, including*
7 *career technical training and four-year public or private*
8 *postsecondary universities. After the ~~10th grade~~ *grade 10*, pupils*
9 *who have developed postsecondary plans with their parents and*
10 *counselors shall have flexibility in the necessary core curriculum*
11 *to implement those plans.*

12 (b) Each *public* high school shall accommodate each pupil
13 who commences grade 9 in ~~2007~~ *and who requests the 2007–08*
14 *or any subsequent academic year, and who, in a timely manner*
15 *before the commencement of an academic term, requests*
16 *admission to a college preparatory ~~course by methods including,~~*
17 *but not* *course, for which he or she qualifies by successfully*
18 *completing prerequisite coursework or by demonstrating*
19 *appropriate skill mastery, by methods including, but not*
20 *necessarily* limited to, all of the following:

- 21 (1) Reorganizing class offerings.
- 22 (2) Offering combination classes.
- 23 (3) Increasing the rigor of classroom curricula by ensuring the
- 24 class meets college preparatory requirements.
- 25 (4) Reorganizing class schedules.

1 (c) “College preparatory course,” for purposes of this section,
2 means a sequence of courses, including career technical and
3 vocational *classes*, that are approved by the University of
4 California and that are required for a pupil to be eligible for
5 admission to the University of California or the California State
6 University.

7 (d) A high school that is unable to meet the requirements of
8 subdivision (a) may apply to the Superintendent for, and the
9 Superintendent may grant, an extension for a period not to
10 exceed one *academic* year.

11 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
12 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
13 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
14 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
15 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.